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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

An Interview Summary was issued by the Patent and Trademark Office in the present application on April 11, 2006. The Interview Summary required a reply by May 11, 2006. This Statement Of The Substance Of Interview is filed in response to the Interview Summary, before the foregoing due date.

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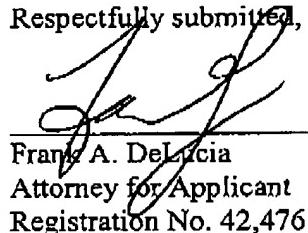
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As indicated in the Interview Summary, a telephonic interview took place between the undersigned representative and the Examiner on March 20, 2006. During the interview, and as indicated in the Examiner's Amendment attached to the Notice of Allowance issued on April 11, 2006, it was agreed to amend Claims 42, 43, and 46 so that each depends from Claim 36 rather than Claim 40.

The Examiner is respectfully thanked for issuing the Notice of Allowance.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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